The Compound

Literary Devices – Chapter 11-12

1. **"Everything had to be accounted for. Every jar of pickles. Every bottle of laundry detergent. Every box of feminine hygiene products. Lovely.”**
2. **“Dad seemed like he’d actually listened to me. So I offered up an olive branc**[**h**](http://previews.123rf.com/images/lucasdm/lucasdm1209/lucasdm120900058/15309856-Child-s-hand-holding-an-olive-branch-Stock-Photo.jpg)**.”**
3. **“There were leading tones on the strong beat, and then there were quiet, slower half notes that felt mysterious, almost sinister. Not a picker upper, by any means.”**
4. **“Plastic bags of Jack Link’s. Lots of them. .... I might be holding an important find.**
5. **The wrapper crinkled as I bit off a hunk of jerky. A bit past its prime. But still tasty. Still meat.”**
6. **“I didn’t know where his reasoning was headed. Or maybe I didn’t want to admit it. My mind was so cloude**[**d**](https://dearsophiesart.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/dsc_0771.jpg) **that I missed his next few words.”**
7. **“As she set the hot fresh bread on the cooling rack, …. I could tell what was running through her mind.”**
8. **“Dad kept on. “It would be a true experiment, since no one has done it before. But think, if I could pull it off …” He grinned. “I could patent the process and it could be used for generations.”**
9. **“...tell us when the food will run out?”... “About a year before the fifteen years are up. Depending on the hydroponics, of course." He could have been giving us the weather report.”**
10. **“I wanted so much for my children. For a while you had it all. Good schools, everything you could want to make a great childhood. And I was happy.”**
11. **“My parents and the life they made together. Not perfect, but strong nonetheless. It was not pleasant to find out the foundation of your house had dry rot."**
12. **“I’d become a master at denial.”**
13. **“How stupid is that?**
14. **We have all the time in the world, years and years. Yet it’s all so urgent.”**
15. **“I tried to make my voice sound as kind as possible, not exactly a practiced skill of mine.”**
16. **“I sometimes wondered if the staleness of our existence**
17. **would slowly suffocate us.”**
18. **“I resisted the urge to let my hair down and hide from the truth.”**
19. **"Curious fascination overcame the knot in my stomach.”**
20. **“I’d been a practicing selfish worm for so long. Basically my entire life.”**
21. **“ We still needed to live by rules of the old world,**
22. **even if those rules didn’t exist anymore.**
23. **They were a line that could not be crossed.**
24. **For the first time that I could remember, I was going to take a stand.”**